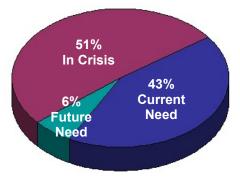
## **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES & MARYLAND MEDICAID WAIVERS**

# Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Community Services Waiting List

As of June, 2009, there are **19,016** individuals waiting for one of three basic services (residential, day and support services). **12,603** of those individuals have never received services. The number of people on the Waiting List for Community Services grew by **992** children and adults between July, 2008, and June, 2009. From the 19,016 individuals requesting services:

- 94% of those individuals need services now
- 51% of those individuals are in crisis
- 43% of those individuals have a current need
- 6% of those individuals have a future need



**DDA Community Services Waiting List** 19,016 Individuals On The Waiting List



Thousands of families have already waited well over a decade for needed services and supports, and many caregivers are elderly. Families worry how much longer they can hold on. The number of people on the Community Services Waiting List has grown 96% between January 2004 and June 2009. From FY 2003 - FY 2010, there has been no substantial new funding for people on the DDA Community Services Waiting List, with the exception of funding for transitioning youth. As a result, the Waiting List has grown from 8,000 to over 19,000 children and adults.

Source: Developmental Disabilities Coalition

| Maryland State Medicaid Waiver Waiting Lists |  |  |
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| Waiver                                       | March 2008                                     | September 2009                                     |
| Older Adult                                  | 11,314 - State<br>464 from Montgomery County   | 14,793 - State<br>1,330 from Montgomery County     |
| Living At Home<br>Community Choice           | 1,937 - State <b>45</b> from Montgomery County | 2,776 - State<br>239 from Montgomery County        |
| Autism                                       | 2,364 - State <b>45</b> from Montgomery County | 3,065 - State<br><b>616</b> from Montgomery County |
| Developmental Disabilities                   | 18,024 - State<br>2,840 from Montgomery County | 19,016 - State<br>2,733 from Montgomery County     |

Source: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

### **Developmental Disabilities Services: How Maryland Rates**

Maryland ranks **43rd** in terms of spending on developmental disabilities services. Only eight states rank lower: Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Nevada, Texas and Virginia. Maryland devotes **21% less** resources for community services than the average state and has one of the lowest Medicaid eligibility income limits in the country. Source: Developmental Disabilities Coalition

#### **Community Support Network**

The Community Support Network (CSN) is a unit within the Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Disability Services that provides services and support to children and adults with developmental disabilities ages 3 years through adulthood. CSN provides individuals with supports that enable them to fully participate in all aspects of community life by assisting them in making choices, securing natural supports and services. In addition, CSN provides community education through quarterly newsletters, educational seminars and resource fairs. To learn more about their programs and services go to <a href="https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ddcsn">www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ddcsn</a>.

#### **Montgomery County Infants & Toddlers Program**

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services administers the Infant and Toddlers Program, which provides early intervention services to families with children, birth to 3 years old, who have or are at risk of having developmental delays. Information reflects the number of children receiving early intervention services annually for FY2008.

| Total Served in FY08 | 3,825 |
|----------------------|-------|
| New Referrals        | 2,252 |
|                      |       |

Source: Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program